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SUBJECT : CONSIDERATION BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) OF PLANS TO ABDUCT A HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

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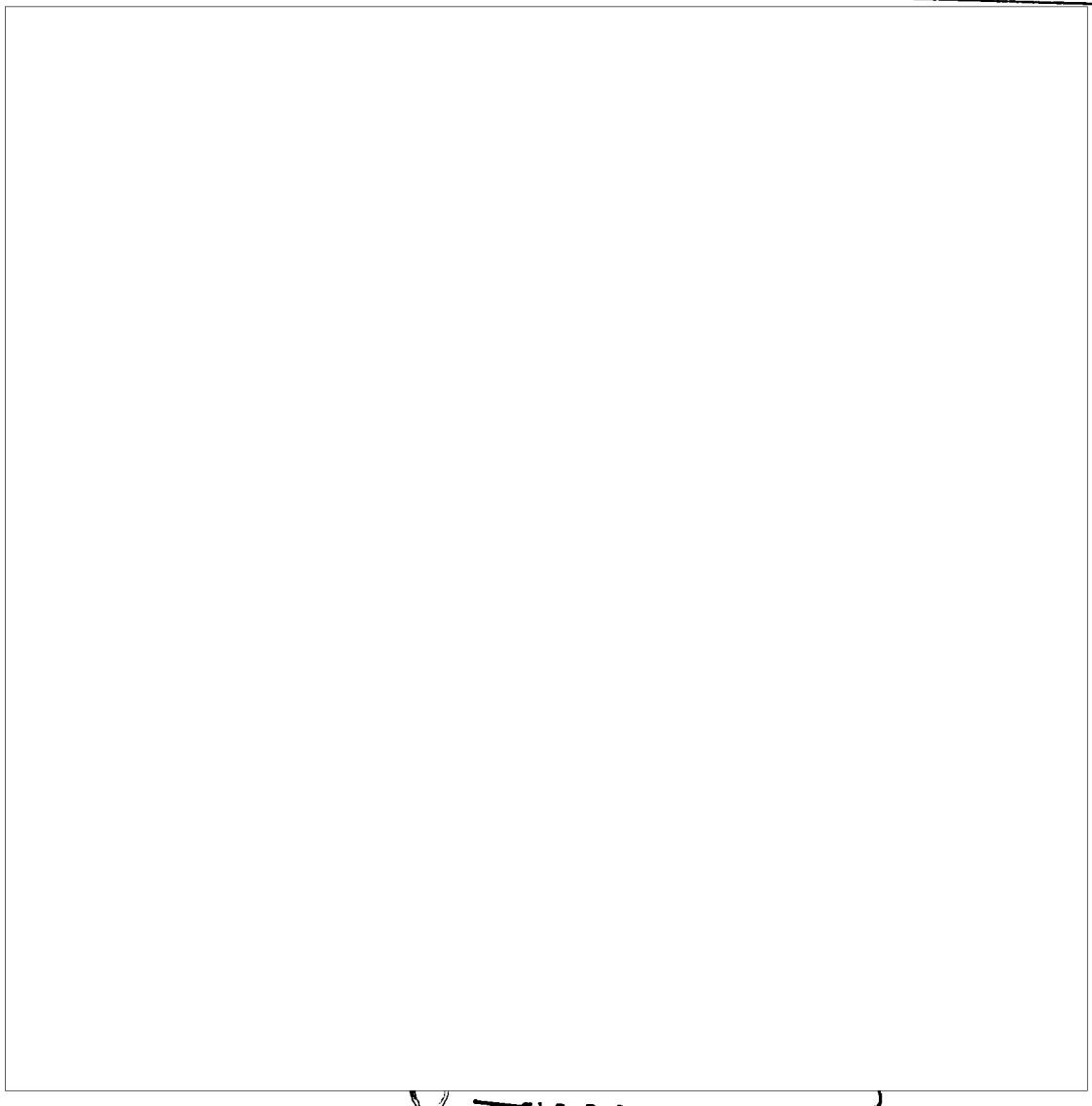

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3.3(b)(1) THESE PLANS HAVE NOT COME TO FRUITION.

IT IS NOTED THERE IS FREQUENTLY A QUANTITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLANNING A TERRORIST OPERATION AND THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PLANS. 3.3(b)(1)

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THESE CURRENT PLANS OF THE ERP MAY NOT BE CARRIED OUT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, IT IS JUDGED THAT THE THREAT OF HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST U.S. EMBASSY FUNCTIONARIES IS REAL.)

2. IN EARLY JUNE 1975 3.3(b)(1)

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3.3(b)(1) EXPRESSED THE CONCERN OF HIS ORGANIZATION OVER THE

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LARGE NUMBER OF ERP MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW UNDER DETENTION IN THE COUNTRY. APPROXIMATELY 175 ERP MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOME 50 ERP COMBATANTS, ARE BEING HELD IN ARGENTINE JAILS. THE CONCERN OF HIS ORGANIZATION WAS SUCH THAT THE ERP IS NOW DEVELOPING A TWO-PRONGED OPERATION DESIGNED TO OBTAIN THE FREEDOM OF SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ERP CAPTIVES. 3.3(b)(1) 3.3(b)(1) 3.3(b)(1)

3. ONE PART OF THE PLAN INVOLVES AN ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT A FUNCTIONARY OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA; THE SECOND PART OF THE OPERATION CALLS FOR AN ABDUCTION OF A HIGH-LEVEL ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. AN ATTEMPT WOULD THEN BE MADE TO EXCHANGE THE TWO ABDUCTED OFFICIALS FOR A NUMBER OF ERP MEMBERS NOW UNDER DETENTION.

4. THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ERP ABDUCTION ATTEMPT ARE INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA AND NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR SPORTS AND TOURISM PEDRO VAZQUEZ. 3.3(b)(1) IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ERP TO KIDNAP ROCAMORA, SINCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HE IS WELL PROTECTED, BUT THE ERP BELIEVES THAT THE MOVEMENTS OF VAZQUEZ ARE LESS CONTROLLED. VAZQUEZ WAS SELECTED AS A POSSIBLE TARGET FOR ABDUCTION BECAUSE OF HIS 3.3(b)(1)

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VAZQUEZ AND MRS. PERON WERE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER ROMANTICALLY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO.)

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